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- 21 July, three infantry battalions are deployed along Lake Shkoder in the following towns: Cuzma (sic) e Koplikut, Kopliku i Siperm, Kopliku i Poshtem, Brigja, Kosan, Ivanaj, Suk Palaj (or Balaj), Hani i Hotit. During the day these units are engaged in the digging of trenches, while at night they guard the lake coast and land approaches from Yugoslavia.
- On this same date there were approximately 2,000 troops in Shkoder, 350 of which belong to unit (sic) No. 5, and 504 to unit (sic) No. 4. Munitions Depot No. 15 is also located in Shkoder. In addition, there are munitions depots located in the hills of Tepja (sic - Tepe?), which is near Shkoder, and at Shkoder Castle. Small depots were also reported at Kirasi (near Shkoder) and at Skanderbeg Castle. The troops in Shkoder are reported to be well fed, and clothed in Czechoslovak and Bulgarian uniforms.
- 3. Shkoder airport is said to be well protected by trenches and concrete antitank pyramids.
- Later information (dated 25 July 1950) reports that, during the previous three days, the Shkoder troops had been transferred to Kastrati, Kopliku and Hani i Hotit and that, except for police and possibly some command personnel, there were no troops left in Shkoder. "Large" troop movements were also reported from Shkoder to Kukes, Qafa e Shtegut i Dhenvet and Malcis se Madhe, along the Yugoslav border.
- All men, with or without military experience, even above the age of 55, are being called up urgently for military service. All ex-officers are being recalled, even former Fascists and Zogists. These are being trained at the Ruyagjini Barracks in Shkoder under careful Communist surveillance.
- This same report states that 40 Soviet officers, captains and majors, arrived a few days previously at Snania (sic Tirana?), where they are destined to act as instructors and to supervise recruitment.

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